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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

SAJID AHMED,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALBERTO GONZALES, Attorney General  
 of the United States;  
 MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary of the  
 Department of Homeland Security;  
 EMILIO GONZALEZ, Director of United States  
 Citizenship and Immigration Services;  
 ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, Director of the  
 Federal Bureau of Investigations;  
 EVELYN UPCHURCH, Director of the  
 Texas Service Center; et al.,

Defendants.

No. C 07-0832 SI

**PARTIES' JOINT REQUEST TO BE  
 EXEMPT FROM FORMAL ADR  
 PROCESS**

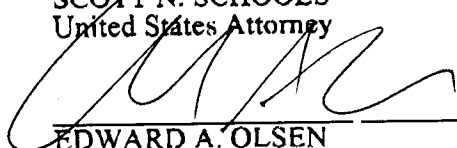
Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <[www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov](http://www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov)>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them. Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this action is limited to plaintiff's request that this Court compel defendants to adjudicate the application for naturalization. Defendants have already requested the FBI expedite

1 the name check so that the application may be processed as soon as possible. Given the substance  
2 of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the  
3 proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the  
4 parties request the case be removed from the ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused  
5 from participating in the ADR phone conference and any further formal ADR process.

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7 Date: June 2, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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17 **ORDER**

Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 Date:

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20 SUSAN ILLSTON  
United States District Judge